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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Satoru Matsuda
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Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The Applicant requests that the attached Response to the Office Action outstanding in the above identified case mailed on October 18, 2002 be considered as having been timely filed.

To the best of the undersigned's personal knowledge the attached response was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, on October 18, 2002 as indicated by the Certificate of Mailing signed by Robert J. Buccieri.

A copy of the Return Receipt Postcard stamped by the PTO mailroom indicates that the papers were received on October 23, 2002. However, an error in the application number entered on the submitted papers prevented the response from being entered in the correct file.

Respectfully submitted,

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